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October 26, 2008

Thomasenia Duncan, Esquire  
General Counsel  
Federal Election Commission  
999 E Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20463

Re: Complaint against Roy Carter for Congress NC05 exceeding contribution limits

Re: MUR 6097 dated October 15, 2008  
Sent October 21, 2008  
Received October 24, 2008  
Responded October 28, 2008

Dear Ms. Duncan:

Please find enclosed several exhibits and a detail explanation regarding the charge levied against Roy Carter for Congress. With all due respect there has been no violation, as you will see with the enclosed paper trail and details regarding the claim of contributions over the limit for Mr. Joseph "T-Bone" Burnett.

Please understand it has never been the intent of this office to be dishonest or intentionally create errors and omissions. I have made every entry with careful and diligent responsibility. There are times with this voluminous paperwork and the location of my office here in California there may be a possibility of an unintentional miscommunication with documents. To date we have only had one item that was inadvertently overlooked. I do not take this responsibility of Treasurer lightly and spend endless hours of data entry, checks and balances, and several phone calls to our contact at the FEC in Washington to be certain we are in total compliance. I thank you for the opportunity to clear up this matter.

The campaign intended to have a fundraising event in Asheville, NC for Roy on June 14, 2008. Invitations were sent out by Sandy Rhineberger and myself, which materials, envelopes, and stamps were given in-kind on 5/19/2008 for the amount \$373.19. We had two couples that were very disappointed the event was cancelled. Both offered to contribute if they could still acquire tickets. I granted that request.

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- Invitations sent out (Exhibit 1)
- There was virtually no response, the event was cancelled
- I purchased ten tickets for the event on my credit card (Exhibit 2 A through F)
- They were not donated by T-Bone
  
- The tickets were used as follows since there was no event:
  - Roy Carter purchased 2 tickets for personal use and paid me (Exhibit 4)
  - Andrea & Wiley Giamlin purchased 2 tickets for cash given to me
  - Brad Vines and his 11 yr old daughter 2 tickets for cash, given to Roy Carter which was included in Roy's personal check to me (Exhibit 4)
  - Mark Clark (Clakr misspelled) contribution \$300.00 6/6/2008 2 tickets
  - Susan McCachren contribution \$250.00 5/29/2008 2 tickets
  - The campaign still owes me for the aforementioned 4 tickets for \$316.00, which I intend to collect soon.

If you need phone numbers for any of these persons I shall be more than glad to acquire them for you.

Now for the Guitar Roy Carter purchased from a Pawn Shop in Statesville. The Guitar in question was not donated by T-Bone Burnett. The intent was to auction off the Guitar, since there was no event it was not used and is still in my possession. We are going to keep this since it does not belong to the campaign due to the fact the event was cancelled and Roy Cater purchased the Guitar with his own money.

Please find enclosed the following paper trail on the Guitar Exhibit 3 A to C:

- Exhibit 3 A is the cash receipt for Roy's personal purchase of the Guitar
- Exhibit 3 B is a picture of the band signing the guitar for Roy June 14, 2008
- Exhibit 3C is a picture of the guitar in my possession as of today. I have taken a picture of the guitar and one of the local newspapers with a date of October 22, 2008, which the complainant is sure to recognize. My wife subscribes to this publication.

I believe this should make clear there was no over limit contribution violations. I was well aware of contribution forthcoming by Joseph T-Bone Burnett of \$2300.00, the max for General Election rules, on 6/28/2008. Therefore we were not going to accept, or did accept, any further in-kind or monetary contributions from Mr. Burnett other than his \$2300.00 contribution.

Respectfully,

John Rhineberger

cc: Jeff S. Jordan Supervisory Attorney

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**ONCE IN A LIFETIME EVENT**

*You are cordially invited to attend a private fundraising reception for Roy Carter for Congress  
Hosted by Grammy® winner T Bone Burnett, one of the  
greatest legends in the music industry.*

*See T Bone's web site [www.tboneburnett.com](http://www.tboneburnett.com)*

*T Bone is in Asheville with his concert tour  
"Raising Sand" with Alison Krauss and Robert Plant  
(Led Zeppelin) which sold out*

*Some of T Bone's most notable works are:*

*Academy Award® nominee music for "Cold Mountain"*

*Movie Soundtrack "Walk the Line"*

*Grammy® winning Soundtrack "O'Brother Where Art Thou"*

*CD "Raising Sand" Alison Krauss & Robert Plant*

*The private fundraising event will accommodate  
the first 100 supporters responding via Roy's web site  
a contribution of \$250 per couple for this once in a lifetime  
opportunity to meet legendary T Bone Burnett and  
Support Roy Carter, your next Congressman NC-05*

*The event will be held on Saturday, June 14, 2008*

*The Baltimore DoubleTree Hotel located at*

*115 Hendersonville Road, Asheville, NC 28803*

*PH: 828 274 1800 Complimentary hors d'oeuvre.*

*Time: 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM*

***www.roycarterforcongress.com - see T Bone event  
see reverse side for reception and VIP tickets to show***

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# Rising Sand

Robert Plant & Alison Krauss  
Produced by T Bone Burnett



VIP Ticket Office

plantkrauss@redst.com

£ 415,518.7000

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Day	Date	Location	Venue	Price 1	Price 2
Mon	05/09/08	Roanoke, VA	Roanoke Civic Center	\$77.00	\$87.00
Wed	05/04/08	Urbana, IL	McGraw Hill	\$75.00	\$85.00
Thu	05/05/08	Boston, MA	Bank of America Pavilion	\$80.00	\$90.00
Fri	05/09/08	Chapel Hill, NC	CMAC	\$118.50	\$24.50
Sat	05/09/08	Atlanta, GA	The Forum	\$118.00	\$88.00
Tue	05/10/08	New York, NY	MEO Theatre	\$118.50	\$85.50
Wed	05/11/08	New York, NY	MEO Theatre	\$118.50	\$85.50
Thu	05/12/08	Columbia, MD	Merriweather Pavilion	\$145.00	\$85.00
Fri	05/13/08	Asheville, NC	Asheville Civic Center	\$75.00	\$85.00
Tue	05/17/08	Detroit, MI	Fox Theatre	\$145.00	\$85.50
Wed	05/18/08	Highland Park, IL	Bank of America	\$225.00	\$80.00
Thu	05/19/08	St. Louis, MO	Fox Theatre	\$82.50	\$72.50
Fri	05/21/08	Denver, CO	Red Rocks Amphitheatre	\$87.50	\$75.50
Mon	05/23/08	Los Angeles, CA	Greek Theatre	\$145.00	\$120.00
Tue	05/24/08	Los Angeles, CA	Greek Theatre	\$145.00	\$120.00
Wed	05/25/08	San Francisco, CA	SB Bowl	\$82.00	\$83.00
Thu	05/27/08	San Diego, CA	Greek Theatre	\$85.50	\$88.50
Fri	05/28/08	Las Vegas, NV	Harvey's Casino Arena	\$85.50	\$75.50
Mon	05/29/08	San Diego, CA	Hard Rock	\$147.00	N/A
Tue	07/01/08	Phoenix, AZ	Dustin Theatre	\$145.00	\$85.00
Mon	07/07/08	Dallas, TX	Nokia Theatre	\$88.50	\$75.50
Thu	7/10/08	Atlanta, GA	Chastain Park	\$88.50	\$75.50
Fri	7/11/08	Atlanta, GA	IFC Center	\$75.00	\$85.00
Sat	7/12/08	Philadelphia, PA	Moore Center	\$115.00	\$88.00
Mon	7/14/08	Portland, OR	McMinn Amphitheatre	\$123.25	\$88.25
Tue	7/15/08	Cleveland, OH	Tim Warner Cable Amphitheatre	\$88.50	\$88.50
Thu	7/18/08	Lexington, KY	Ross Arena	\$75.50	\$85.50
Fri	7/19/08	Nashville, TN	Forest City	\$77.50	\$87.50

as of 04/16/08

All prices shown are in USD and include all tour service charges, applicable fees and taxes.

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